The Member next represented that a boat basin and a jetty at Arattukadavu, Mavelikara, were urgently necessary. Large numbers of *vallams* laden with goods from Quilon and Alleppey were daily arriving at the place. On account of the absence of a jetty half the road had crumbled away, and had become so narrow that carts arriving from the opposite directions did not find enough room to allow each other to pass along. He did not want to say anything more on the matter as the Dewan had given word to the President of the Municipality that he would sanction the work without delay.

The Member next drew the attention of Government to the building under construction at Putiakavu, Mavelikara, intended for the local girls' school. A site was acquired at a cost of nearly Rs. 7,000 and another sum of Rs. 5,000 was spent on the foundations. The work was estimated to cost Rs. 20,000. The Dewan inspected the work some time back, and stopped it as he considered that such a costly structure was not necessary for a girls' school. He, however, pointed out that the amount spent hitherto would be a loss if the building was not completed. He said that the building was centrally situated and that, if completed, it could accommodate all the public offices of the place which were now housed in rented buildings. More important than all the above works was the construction of a bridge each at the Mavelikara ferry-crossing, and on the road to Tiruvalla. He requested that, as soon as the Varattar bridge was completed, Government might take up those works. Finally, the Member referred to the increasing number of demand notices issued by the Mavelikara Tahsildar and said that such action was causing considerable inconvenience to the people.

President's reply.—An estimate has been prepared to remove the silt from the Kulakkada river. This work will be taken up and finished soon. The same is the case with regard to Illimala.

In regard to groynes, etc., an estimate for Rs. 14,000 has been sanctioned for deepening the Kuttampuzha river, constructing groynes on the western bank of the Prayikkara canal and for removing silt from that canal. The deepening of the Kuttamperur river has not been taken up, as it is feared that clearance of silt has to be done year after year for irrigation. One groyne has been constructed and an estimate for extending it has been called for by the Chief Engineer.

The improvement of the Tazhakkara *punja* canal will be taken up next year.

The construction of a boat basin is a very difficult proposition. An estimate for the construction of a jetty will be called for.

Regarding the completion of office buildings, the building, the basement of which has now been constructed, is proposed to be utilised for the local Munsiff's court. Whether accommodation will be available for other offices also in that building is a matter which will have to be determined in consultation with the High Court.

In regard to the issue of too many demand notices by the Mavelikara Tahsildar, I find that the Tahsildar issued in 1097 about 4,000 notices, and in 1098, 17,000 notices. I am not aware how many such notices were issued in 1099. The matter will be looked into.

156. Needs of the Pattanamtitta taluk.

Mr. Utuppan Kochuttuppan (Member, Pattanamtitta taluk), while thanking the Government for the Vaidyasala opened at Ranni, said that the institution was quite inadequate to meet the medical needs of the village. There were, according to him, about 30,000 people in Ranni, most of them being poor and illiterate ryots. The medical institutions at Konni, Kozhancheri, Kanjirappalli and Pattanamtitta were situated at inconvenient distances from Ranni and were therefore inaccessible to the people of the village. Hence the poor ryots found themselves unable to secure the services of medical men even in very serious cases of illness, including cases of labour. Numerous deaths occurred each year from pneumonia, typhoid, malaria, cholera and other diseases. The Member regretted that, though the subject had been repeatedly urged at the Assembly and encourging replies had been received at times, nothing had so far been done to redress the grievances of the people in the

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matter. He, therefore, prayed that the Government might be pleased to establish a dispensary at Ranni.

Speaking about the necessity for the establishment of a Munsiff's court at Pattanamtitta urged at the 15th, 17th and 18th sessions of the Assembly, the Member represented that the grievances of the people still remained unredressed. He pointed out that, of the 7 *pakuthies* in the Pattanamtitta taluk, 4 were under the jurisdiction of the Adur Munsiff's court and the remaining 3 under the jurisdiction of the Munsiff's court at Chengannur, and that the people were put to much inconvenience and trouble in having to go to Adur or Chengannur as the distance was great. He also pointed out that there were Munsiffs' courts established at Changanachery, Tiruvalla, Chengannur and Mavelikara, though the distance between any two of those towns was not more than 5 miles. In consideration of the above circumstances and of the importance of Pattanamtitta, the Member said that a Munsiff's court there was absolutely necessary.

President's reply.—In regard to the opening of a Munsiff's court at Pattanamtitta, the High Court say that there is no necessity for it, as there will not be sufficient work for a Munsiff if one is posted at Pattanamtitta.

The opening of a dispensary at Ranni has been recommended by the Darbar Physician and orders will be passed soon.

157. Needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

Mr. Lonan Lonan Pillai (Member, Ampalapuzha taluk) said that ten years had now passed since the commencement of the construction of the Alleppey-Shertallai canal and yet only four miles had been cut till now. The work in the portion already constructed had not been completed. At this rate, it was doubtful whether the work would be completed at least after a quarter of a century. There was also the fear that the completed portions would get covered up by that time. The neglected condition of the road along the western bank of the *todu* had aggravated his fears. He therefore prayed that prompt arrangements be made to remedy the above defects. As the alignment of the canal was along the central and uninhabited portions of the taluk, he also requested that branch canals and roads be constructed for the benefit of the multitudes who inhabited the shore of the back-water on the east and of the sea on the west. He said that small *todus* like Madayan *todu* and Mannancheri *todu*, and *pozhies* like the Odapozhi be immediately deepened, that branch roads be newly constructed and that the lanes be widened and made cartable. He pointed out that, unless those works were executed, the Alleppey-Shertallai canal would prove to be of no advantage to the people of Shertallai.

He next said that there was a road nearly 2 miles long leading from the Alleppey-Shertallai road westwards to the Tumpoli church. The church was a big and ancient institution more than 400 years old, with more than one thousand houses under its *edavagai*. There was also a fish-curing yard at Tumpoli. He prayed that the road might be improved and maintained by the Government.

The Member represented that Kalavur, a place situated nearly midway between Shertallai and Alleppey, possessed a Sub-Registrar's office, two Malayalam schools, three ancient temples, a market, etc. It was peopled by more than a thousand families. The only Dewan who visited the place and knew the actual needs of its inhabitants was Sir P. Rajagopalachari who sanctioned for them an Anchal office and a Sub-Registrar's office. In spite of the importance of the place, the Member pointed out that no medical aid was available there and hence requested that an allopathic dispensary might be established at Kalavur.

President's reply.—The maintenance of the church road will be taken up by the Government.

As regards the Shertallai canal, the Government will try to finish it as early as possible. Two cross canals have been taken up already.

The Darbar Physician will be asked to inspect and report about the necessity for opening a dispensary at Kalavur.

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